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Premier's "Important News" For M.P.s

WHEN Parliament reassembles—possibly earlier than expected—for M.P.s have been warned to be ready to return to London at a few hours' notice—the Prime Minister will have some important news for the House.

By OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

session of the Commons, for it is known that important inter-Ally discussions are in progress and that decisions of far-reaching significance will be taken.

In their efforts to relieve the growing pressure on Russia, leaders of the United Nations have been in the closest contact, and their deliberations have already yielded concrete results.

No time has been, or will be, wasted in putting these decisions into effect. Beyond that, nothing more can be said—just now.

OILFIELDS ABLAZE AS RUSSIAN DRIVE GOES ON

The Saboteurs Six Nazis Executed In U.S.A.

Washington, Saturday.

SIX of the eight Nazi saboteurs who landed in the United States from U-boats, have been electrocuted, it was announced from the White House today.

Other two others one has been sentenced to hard labour for one year and the other to thirty years in prison with hard labour.

The executions are the first of their kind against spies and saboteurs in America since the war broke out in Europe.

The saboteurs were carried out at Columbia Jail. The six who went to the chair were Herbert Haupt, Henry Heinz, Edward Kertling, Herman Neis, Richard Quinn and Werner Thiel.

LANDED FROM DINGHIES

The eight saboteurs were landed from dories in various parts of the American coast, robbing in public displays and selling with their supplies of explosives for a two-year sabotage campaign.

The White House announcement said, President Roosevelt approved the judgment of the Military Commission that all the saboteurs should be given sentence of death.

On the recommendation of the Commission, however, the President commuted to imprisonment the sentences on Burger and Dorsch "because of their assistance to the U.S. Government in the apprehension and conviction of the other saboteurs."

The records of all the cases have been sealed until after the war, and B.U.P.

2,500 Sentenced OUTBREAKS BY BERLIN CIVILIANS

Moscow, Saturday.

SOME 2,500 people have been sentenced in Berlin during April and May on a charge of insulting Nazi S.S. guards," according to Geneva despatches to the Soviet News Agency.

Hostility between civilians and Army on the one hand and Guards and Gestapo on the other is increasing.

Public drilling in street fighting and S.S. troops has already led to several clashes, it is reported.

It was stated to be particularly marked in the areas devastated by the RAF in June and July. There were S.S. detachments, announced "suppressed" malcontents, announced "suppressed" of the German Government of the Reich.

See News Germans Love Confidence, Page Eight

ALTHOUGH THE DON STEPPES SOUTH OF KLETSKAYA ARE LITTERED WITH THOUSANDS OF GERMAN CORPSES AND THE WRECKAGE OF HUNDREDS OF TANKS AND GUNS, VON BOCK'S ARMoured UNITS CONTINUE TO DRIVE SAVAGELY TOWARDS THE MAIKOP OILFIELDS IN THE NORTH-WESTERN CAUCASUS.

If Berlin's claims are true that von Bock has captured Armavir, strategic railway centre 50 miles north-east of the oilfields, and Kurganaya, on the river Laba, 45 miles west of Armavir—the Germans have speeded up their drive, and the threat to the oilfields has grown more grave.

According to a report from Stockholm last night (quoting the) the Maikop oilfields were set on fire by the Russians yesterday as German artillery began shelling Maikop and Krasnodar.

German troops equipped with the most modern machinery for countering fighting in the mountains were said to be driving forward in an effort to minimise the damage.

Now that the first slopes of the Caucasus Mountains have been reached, the German Army, it was added, is changing its tactics and adopting those which were used during the Balkan War.

Waiting Russians

Motivated Alpine troops, strongly supported by Stuka dive bombers, are going into action.

The impression created in Stockholm by reports from both sides is that the Russians will prepare a last resistance only when the higher momentum of the offensive of the German troops is reached.

Krasnodar and even Maikop are in the place, so that the fall of these two most important places must be expected shortly.

Moscow, yesterday, admitted the situation was critical. It stated that the Nazis had broken through in strength towards Armavir and were advancing in two directions towards the oilfields.

South of Kuschchevskaya, too, said Moscow, there had been further withdrawals by the Don and Kuban Cossacks, who have five years before over-whelmingly superior forces were advanced by von Bock to launch massive concentrated attacks.

But in the battle for the great industrial city of Stalin-grad, objective No. 1 of the Nazi drive, Timoshenko, it would appear, is holding his ground.

More Red Army tanks have been thrown in to bar the road to the city, and yesterday Moscow reported that the enemy had been driven back with heavy losses.

Determined counter-attacks by the German "Wehrmacht" driven into the Soviet lines north of Kotelinkovo succeeded in preventing the Nazis from making any further advance.

Two direct hits and numerous near misses were claimed in a daylight attack on a convoy in the Mediterranean of three large transport ships and eight destroyers.



RUSH TO THE OIL WELLS German Advance "Disquieting"

From HAROLD KING
(Reuter's Special Correspondent)

THE Germans are rushing towards the west Caucasian oilfields. Their progress since August 1 in this southern thrust is admittedly disquieting.

From Skalsk to Armavir the 130 miles have been covered in six days, a rate of progress which almost approaches that of the German advance in the West.

Latest despatches from the front frankly say that efforts to stem and delay this German advance have failed in many sectors.

By pushing into the Kuban river and country the Nazis have also threatened at one stroke to cut off the entire western section of Krasnodar Province with its Black Sea ports of Novorossiysk and Tuapse.

Situated on the Black Sea coast, railway north of the mountain range, Armavir is 300 miles from the oil port of Maikop, from which it is 220 miles to the Baku oilfields along the narrow strip of lowland between the steep Caucasus mountain spurs and the shore of the Caspian Sea.

COSSACK DETACHMENTS

At Mathachala near detachments of Cossack troops, Cossacks and snipers are reported to have just completed their latest training course.

The Germans are rushing in large numbers, motorised troops and tank-cannons, and also tanks, in order to press for an advantage in the battle for the Kuban river region and Armavir.

The scanty despatches from the front make it clear that the Soviet forces here are in a difficult position having carried out their future withdrawals in the past 24 hours.

That evening units of the same force of B24 (Liberator) bombers were dispatched to the Caucasus. Several days previously B24 bombers bombed and sank a 200th victim after two years.

In a later attack on Tobruk, Libyans dropped several tons of bombs and started a large fire in the dock area.

"FULL MARKS" FOR THE QUEEN



When the Queen visited the Women's Institute evening unit at Reading she asked to "try her hand" at canning a tin of peaches. The operation took her thirty seconds, for which she received "full marks."

Night Raiders

"U.S. AND BRITAIN DISAGREE"

New York, Saturday.

"THE British and American air offensive against Germany is not being carried on, due to inability to agree on methods and objectives," says the "New York Times," in a message from Washington today.

"While the members of such an assault are the subject of constant discussion by soldiers and airmen, the fact is that not a single U.S. bomber crew has yet taken part in the RAF night raiding over the Reich."

So far as can be learned from not too confidential air officers in Washington, it is improbable that there will be such participation.

"If it comes, it will be only when a complete separate U.S. air organisation has been built up in Britain with its own ground crew."

YES, BUT—AND SO WHAT?

MARIO APPELLIUS, Rome Radio's "pep" talker, said last night in a review of the war.

"We are satisfied. We are very pleased with ourselves. We have overcome enormous difficulties. We are solving great problems. We are persevering. We are intelligent. We are capable. We are full of great virtues."

ME. PILOTS GIVE PLANES TO SOVIET!

THREE Moscow, Saturday.

German Me.109's, stocked with petrol and ammunition, landed on the Soviet front line this week, the Tass Agency stated today.

Those pilots who waved white handkerchiefs as they climbed out of the cockpit line they had been ordered voluntarily to the Russian side.

"We realised the hopelessness of Hitler's criminal war against Russia," they said.

INDIA MASS STRUGGLE BEGINS: GOVERNMENT WARNS, "WE DON'T NEGOTIATE"

Viceroy Accepts Gandhi Challenge

TWO HOURS AFTER GANDHI WAS GIVEN FULL POWERS BY THE CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE LAST NIGHT TO CARRY OUT HIS PLAN FOR A MASS CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE STRUGGLE, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ISSUED A STATEMENT REJECTING GANDHI'S DEMANDS AND REFUSING TO NEGOTIATE.

The Government statement—which was in the form of a resolution by the Governor-General in Council—stated—

"There is nothing the Government regret more than this challenge at so critical a juncture, but on them lies the task of defending India, maintaining India's capacity to wage war, safeguarding India's interest and holding the balance between the different sections of her people without fear or favour."

"That task the Government will discharge in the face of the challenge now thrown down by the Congress Party with clear determination, but with anxiety that action shall be preventive of interruption of the war effort and other dangers rather than punitive, and with full consciousness of responsibility to India and the cause of the Allies and civilisation."

"The Governor-General in Council has been aware for some time past of the dangerous preparations by the Congress Party for unlawful activities, directed, inter alia, to interruption of communication and public utility services, organisation of strikes, tampering with the loyalty of Government servants, and interference with defence measures including recruitment."

"They have been disappointed in that hope. To a challenge such as the present there can be only one answer."

In addition the Government announced a ban on the printing or movement sanctioned by the All-India Congress Committee of the measures taken by the Government.

The ban includes reports of speeches or statements made by members of the public who do not apply to news derived from official sources. Indian newspaper correspondents.

The Government of India also yesterday empowered Provincial Governments to supersede the authority for local officers, members or servants in activities prohibited by the Government, including the maintenance of public order, efficient prosecution of the war and the maintenance of supply of essential goods to the life of the community.

This action is evidently aimed at not too confidential sources from helping the Congress movement.

When Congress passed the Quit India resolution Gandhi told them that he did not intend to begin his non-violent campaign to end British rule.

Instead, he would ask to see the Viceroy with the object of presenting demands.

The prompt Government announcement made it clear that the Viceroy would refuse to meet Gandhi.

PLANE MADE EVERY 120 MINUTES!

MORE than one factory in this country is turning out an aircraft every second working hour, said Col. J. J. Llewellyn, Minister of Aircraft Production, speaking at Burford, Oxfordshire, yesterday.

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U.S. Strikes On Pacific Front TWO BATTLES ARE RAGING

Washington, Saturday.

UNITED STATES forces, taking the initiative in the Pacific, are striking at the Japanese at either end of the far-flung front between Alaska and Australia.

3 Killed By 'Sneak' Raiders

A POLICE sergeant and a war reserve constable, on duty in a police-box, were killed in a Home Counties town, and one woman and five people were injured in a town in Southern England when "sneak" raiders crossed the coast last evening in low cloud.

Sneak were also heard in London when the siren had its tenth warning this year, and the fifth daylight.

Anti-aircraft fire greeted the Nazi airman who flew over London, but conditions were against the defence. No bombs were dropped.

Rees Harrison and Lilli Palmer, the actor and actress, were slightly cut by falling glass when the windows in the house where they were members of a house party in the Home Counties were blown out by blast.

Villagers heard what appeared to be a dog-fight going on above the clouds as the raiders made their way over the coast.

One woman was killed and five people were injured when high explosive bombs were dropped in a town in Southern England.

A bangkok was hit, a retired seaman, was seriously injured. His wife, a W.V.A. member, was killed.

JAPS' PREVIOUS LOSSES

It is likely, although the Navy Department does not specifically say so, that the Navy Air Force as well as warships are co-operating in the attack on the Japanese at Kiska.

The Japanese have already suffered considerable losses in their Aleutian advance, previous U.S. communications having mentioned the loss of six destroyers and four cruisers hit and other ships damaged.

The United States' naval and Australian Navy Department spokesman said tonight.

"The Japanese does not yet know which islands were attacked, but the spokesman declared that the attack appeared to be the start of a 'very good operation'."

LIFE IS BRIGHTER AFTER GUINNESS

IS GOOD FOR YOU

U.S. Liberators Sink Big Axis Transport In Mediterranean

A 10,000-TON Axis transport has been sunk in the Mediterranean by American Liberators.

This was reported yesterday by U.S. Army official headquarters in Cairo in a statement which said:

Two Axis convoys of supply ships were the targets of U.S. Army Air Force B24 (Liberator) bombers in the Mediterranean in the last week.

